

Sinclair Broadcasting has decided to force all the stations under its control to broadcast a very demeaning documentary that distorts who John Kerry is and what he stands for. The idea that we could allow someone to buy and control, then use, broadcast stations for their own political venue is wrong and downright evil. At the very least, we should insure that there is an opportunity for free Pro Kerry movies or documentaries to be shown immediately before or after the broadcast that Sinclair has forced on their own stations. If not then there should be consideration for those stations that have aired this political propaganda to lose their licenses for an indefinite length of time. This is dead wrong and is inflammatory stuff that could hurt the electoral process irrevocably. Please act promptly! Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. If this were localized opinions that might be okay but for a media conglomerate to monopolize and saturate areas for their own political gain is totally wrong and is one more reason why there should be no huge companies monopolizing the air waves. There should be serious limitations on how many stations, how many other media outlets that one person or one group could operate. In theory we could end up hearing only ONE VOICE throughout the land instead of the diverse voices of many, so as to make our choices with a great deal of information. You have a responsibility to control abuse of power and I hope you do, not only for my sake but for the sake of so many other Americans so as to keep this country strong. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.